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TENBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
1964

TENBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To: The Chairman and Members of Tenbury Rural District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for 1964.

SECTION A.

Area in acres.	31,244.
Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid 1964	5,350.
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1964	1,760.
Rateable Value.	£111,058. 0. 0.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£439. 9. 8.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The district comprises fourteen parishes and except for the small market town of Tenbury it is entirely rural in character.

Agriculture, including fruit and hop growing is the chief industry of the rural area and provides work for most of the population. A large proportion of residents in the Town of Tenbury find work in factories bordering the town.

During the Autumn months the population is increased by fruit and hop pickers, mostly women and children, brought into the district and accommodated in special quarters on the farms. As more hop-picking machinery is installed there is a progressive decrease in this seasonal influx of workers from the Black Country. Accommodation in the district was only needed for 52 pickers, employed at 2 farms.

There is a large number of farms and small holdings in the Area. The amount of unemployment varies very little.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>	<u>MALES.</u>	<u>FEMALES.</u>	<u>TOTAL 1964.</u>	<u>TOTAL 1963.</u>
Legitimate	39	41	80	75
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	41	43	84	80
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated population	—	—	—	—
Birth rate for England and Wales			14.9	14.7
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>			18.4	18.2
Legitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	2
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Rate per 1,000 (Live & Still Births)			14.9	15.2
Still Birth rate for England and Wales			16.3	17.3
<u>DEATHS</u>				
Crude death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population,			13.6	11.2
Death rate for England and Wales			11.3	12.2
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY.</u>				
Puerperal Sepsis.			Nil	Nil
Other puerperal causes.			Nil	Nil
<u>INFANT MORTALITY.</u>				
Under one year of age.	2	Nil	2	1
Under 4 weeks	2	Nil	2	Nil
Under 3. week	2	Nil	2	Nil
<u>DEATH RATE OF INFANTS</u>				
Under one year of age:-				
All Infants per 1,000 live births.			23.6	12.6
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales			20.0	21.1
			<u>TOTAL 1964</u>	<u>TOTAL 1963</u>
Deaths from Cancer (All ages)	11	6	17	9
Deaths from Measles (All ages)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (All ages)	Nil	1	1	Nil

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Ambulance Service is the responsibility of the Worcestershire County Council as Local Health Authority. The ambulance is stationed at Tenbury and manned part time. A system of wireless control based on Worcester (Headquarters in the County Medical Officers Department) is in operation.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The County Council laboratory at Worcester undertakes the examination of producer samples of food, milk and water. The remaining bacteriological and pathological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester Royal Infirmary.

HOSPITALS

The Tenbury Hospital is quite close to the town, and though being in the Parish of Burford, Shropshire, it receives cases chiefly from the town and district of Tenbury. It is well equipped.

The Blakebrook Hospital/General Hospital, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster, and is also available/for maternity cases accommodation is provided in three maternity hospitals.

For infectious diseases the Worcester Isolation Hospital is chiefly used and Hayley Green Isolation Hospital is also available.

All hospitals are the responsibility of the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Dispensary and Sanatorium treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. The nearest hospital dispensaries at Kidderminster General Hospital and Worcester.

The Local Health Authority is responsible for prevention and after-care and the administration is assisted by the Divisional After-care Sub-Committee.

VENEREAL DISEASE

The Venereal Clinic at Kidderminster was closed during the year and facilities were concentrated at Worcester.

NURSING IN THE HOME

There are four District Nurses in the area, who also act as midwives and carry out the duties of Health Visitors. Their work is so apportioned as to cover the entire area. The administration of these services is the responsibility of the Local Health Authority.

SECTION C.SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAWATER

The North West Worcestershire Water Board are responsible for the mains water supplies in the District. Independent samples are taken by the Health Department.



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Venereology Clinic at Kidderminster is being closed.

Alternative facilities were being provided at Worcester.

B.C.G. Vaccination at Tenbury Secondary Modern School.

D r. Markham expressed his disappointment that more pupils did not take advantage of this service.

Notes - No sewage Schemes proposed for the rural parts of the district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The Tenbury Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme was approved in principle by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and can go to tender.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The only serious pollution known to be occurring is that of the River Teme and Kyre Brook at Tenbury which receive untreated sewage from the town. This situation will remain unchanged until the town sewerage scheme is built and working satisfactorily.

SCHOOLS

The work at Lindridge School was finally completed in January and is most satisfactory. Conditions at Eastham are giving rise for concern and the Education Authority are being pressed to improve the sanitation at this School.

SECTION D.HOUSING

The Council have decided to recommence the construction of additional Council Houses in the rural district after a lapse due to financial and other restrictions.

SECTION E.INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk supply.
2. Meat and other foods (See report of Public Health Inspector)

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred during the year.

SECTION F.PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year I received Notifications of the following cases:-

	<u>CASES</u>	<u>ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Scarlet Fever	Nil	Nil	Nil
Measles	145	Nil	Nil
Whooping Cough	6	Nil	Nil

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

Number Vaccinated = 60

Number re-vaccinated = 1

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Immunisation is carried out by the General Medical Practitioners locally and at my Infant Welfare Centres, and at the Schools.

Number pre-school children	=	69
Number school children	=	5
Number Reinforcing doses	=	108

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

Vaccination of infants, school children and adults up to the age of 40 years continues at the clinic in conjunction with immunisation.

TUBERCULOSIS

Two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis - one male and one female - were notified during the year.

No action was necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936.

There were in the register at the end of the year the following cases of Tuberculosis.

<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
Male	Female.	Male	Female.
7	5	1	-

B.C.G. INOCULATION.

Some disappointment was expressed that more pupils of the Tenbury Secondary Modern School did not take advantage of this Scheme.

Number invited	46
Number of acceptances	32
Number positive	1
Number negative	29

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the Chairman, Members of the Council and the Staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. W. MARKHAM

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND
SURVEYOR

To: The Chairman and Members of Tenbury Rural District Council,

Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st December 1964.

WATER SUPPLIES (Generally)

The North West Worcestershire Water Board is responsible for the mains water supplies in the district. An extension to the existing mains supply from Kyre into Bockleton parish was proposed by the Board in the early part of the year. This was welcomed by the Council as the existing water sources at Bockleton have become troublesome because of intermittent contamination and borehole pump failure.

Tenbury Town Supply

Improvements were made to the Tenbury Town supply in the form of an additional reservoir and new mains were laid in the Berrington and St. Michaels Area. Work was commenced on the new chlorination house at the supply source at Studley.

Fluoridation of Water Supplies

The Water Board informed the Council that they had accepted in principle the fluoridation of the mains water supplies on the basis of the recommendation of the Ministry of Health, and an agreement is being made with the Worcestershire County Council.

WATER SAMPLES

36 samples were taken during the year from Water Board mains and Private sources

BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLESWater Board Supplies

	<u>Sample</u>	<u>Results</u>
A. Tenbury Town Supply	10	(5 satisfactory (5 unsatisfactory
B. Rural Area Supply	9	(5 satisfactory (4 unsatisfactory
C. Bockleton Water Supply	9	(5 satisfactory (4 unsatisfactory

With regard to the unsatisfactory samples the Board were immediately notified resulting in remedial action being taken.

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

Number of Samples taken

Satisfactory

Unsatisfactory

8

7

1

(With respect to the unsatisfactory sample, appropriate action was taken)

Chemical Samples

No samples were taken during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGETenbury Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme

Detailed plans were prepared during the year and the scheme was approved in principle in November by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

A draft agreement with Ludlow R.D.C. was agreed, to receive the drainage from Burford. An agreement was also made with Messrs. G.H. Bowkett & Sons, of The Horns, Tenbury, to receive their slaughterhouse drainage into the main sewerage system.

A proposal to incorporate Old Wood into the Tenbury Town Drainage System was deferred until such time as a comprehensive plan for Old Wood was approved.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION

Collection of refuse are made weekly in the town of Tenbury and once every three weeks in the rural parishes.

At the beginning of the year the Council were using two tips for refuse, one at Kyrewood and the other at Mamble. In the latter part of the year the owners of the tipping land at Mamble withdrew their permission for the Council to use this site, the reason being a difference of opinion in a re-rating valuation on other property in their ownership.

The loss of this tip caused us to investigate other possible sites within that area, one at Sodington Farm, Mamble and the other at Yew Tree Farm, Clows Top.

COUNCIL HOUSES

The Council's Consulting Architect, Mr. J.W. Greenwood A.R.I.B.A., was instructed by the Council to prepare plans for the following sites:-

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Saw Pit Orchard, Tenbury | - 8 Old Peoples Bungalows and
8 Maisonettes. |
| Stoke Bliss | - 4 houses. |
| Cutmill Bridge | - 10 houses and 2 Old Peoples Bungalows. |

Planning Permission was applied for 28 dwellings at the Hostel Site, Tenbury and 2 dwellings at Bayton.

Tenders were accepted for the erection of 6 prefabricated concrete garages at Wheeler Orchard, Tenbury; 8 at the Crescent, Tenbury; and 2 at Pembroke Avenue.

Improvement work involving provision of standard amenities under the House Purchase and Housing Act 1959 was completed to the following pre-war Council Houses:-

Nos. 1 - 28, Bromyard Road, Tenbury.
 1 - 4, Old Council Houses, Eastham.
 1 and 2, Old Council Houses, Newnham Bridge,
 1 and 2, Old Council Houses, Woodgates Green.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ a full-time rodent operator. Contracts made in addition to those continued from the Ministry of Agriculture amounted at the end of the year to a sum total of 72 valued at £550.

HOUSING

Houses Erected during the year.

By Local Authority.....Nil
 By County Council.....Nil
 By other Bodies or persons.....30

Inspection of Dwelling Houses

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Act or Housing Acts).....15.
 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....23.
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under One above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932.....Nil.
 (b) Number of inspections made for the purposes.....Nil.
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....3.
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonable fit for human habitation.....12.

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.....9

3. Action under Statutory Powers.
Section 16, Housing Act, 1957.

Number of Demolition Orders made.....Nil
Number of Undertakings accepted not to relet.....3

No proceedings were instituted during the year under the following provisions:-

- (a) Section 9, 10, and 12, Housing Act, 1957.
- (b) Public Health Acts.

Housing Act, 1957 (Part IV) - Overcrowding.

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of this year.....Nil
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein.....Nil
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein.....Nil
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.....1
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.....1
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases.....9
- (iii) Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously
relieved.....Nil

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 as amended by
HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959, and HOUSING ACT,
1961 - Improvement Grants

No. of Applications received during the year (Discretionary).....7
No. of Applications approved (Discretionary).....7
No. of Applications received during the year (Standard).....25
No. of Applications approved (Standard).....19

CARAVANS

Multiple Caravan Sites in the District at the end of the year
were as follows:-

Caravans (cont'd)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Caravans.</u>
Oxmalls Farm, Newnham Bridge	Holiday	9
Blake House Farm Eastham	Holiday	10
Paul Pry Public House, Frith	Holiday	7
Common	Residential	1
New Inn Public House, Frith		
Common	Holiday	6
Bird in Hand Public House, Menith Wood	Holiday	6
New Inn Public House, Knighton on Teme	Holiday	50
Broom Inn, Lindridge	Holiday	3
Norgroven Farm, Bayton	Holiday	19
Upper Frith Common	Holiday	2

Single Caravan Sites in the District

Sites for Single Residential Caravans.....4

Sites for Single Holiday Caravans.....2

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947

During the year 168 applications were considered.

Applications approved.....106

Applications refused.....42

99 applications were in respect of proposed newhousing, 19 in respect of proposed alterations and improvements to house and 50 related to various proposals other than housing.

BUILDING BYELAWS

Applications submitted and dealt with.7

SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice-Cream. There are no manufacturers of ice-cream in the district. Pre-packed ice-cream only is sold from the premises registered. One premises were registered by the Council during the year. Premises and facilities remain satisfactory.

Food Premises

78 visits and inspections of registered and other food premises have been carried out during the year. A good standard of hygiene has been maintained in most premises.

Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspection.

There are two slaughterhouses in operation in this district. The majority of the animals slaughtered in the district were at the slaughterhouse at The Horns, Tenbury and the greater proportion of the output from these premises was exported outside the district

For the greater part of the year assistance in meat inspection was provided by the local Veterinary Surgeons in private practice. In July an Authorised Meat Inspector was appointed. Approximately 11 tons of meat and offal were found to be unfit for human consumption and were consequently rejected.

Milk Production.

There are no Pasteurising plants in the district. All work in connection with the Milk and Dairies Regulations is now mainly administered by the Worcestershire County Council.

Hop-Pickers Accommodation.

Owing to hop-picking machines being more widely used, fewer hop-pickers were imported into the District.

The condition of pickers quarters generally was fairly good. The usual nursing facilities were provided to the hop farms in the district under arrangements made by the County Council.

PARTICULARS OF OTHER SANITARY MATTERS DEALT WITH.

<u>New drains Provided (Excluding New Houses)</u>		<u>1964.</u>
(a)	To sewer.....	12
(b)	To Septic tank.....	25
	Number of obstructed drains dealt with.....	7
	Number of defective lavatories etc. dealt with.....	8
	Number of visits in connection with Private Water Supplies.....	2
	Number of visits in connection with Refuse Collection and Council Tips	43
	Number of visits in connection with repairs and maintenance to Council Houses...	142
	Inspections - Hop-pickers accommodation.....	2

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Chairman, Members of the Council and Staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R.B. WEEKS

Public Health Inspector.

1. - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	2	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by L.A. (ii) other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding out-workers premises.	25	4	-	-
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	27	4	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S1)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The following applications for registration have been received:-

Office	"	employees
Retail Shops	"	employees
Catering Establishments	"	employees

